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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following matters:

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1-3, and 5 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Re claim 1, line 2: Substitute "A upper" with --An upper--.

Re claim 1, lines 2 and 14: Substitute "includes" with --including--.

Re claim 1, line 6: Substitute "the through holes" with --through holes--.

Re claim 1, lines 7 and 19: Substitute "penetrated" with --penetrate--.

Re claim 1, lines 11 and 23: Substitute "coated" with --coating--.

Re claim 1, lines 12 and 26: Substitute "top memory" with --upper memory--.

Re claim 1, line 26: Substitute "bottom memory" with --lower memory--.

Re claim 2, line 2: Substitute "top memory" with --upper memory--.

Re claim 3: Substitute the current claim with the following: --The stacked small memory card according to claim 1, wherein the metal, which is filled within each of the through holes of the first substrate, is copper--.

Re claim 5, line 2: Substitute "bottom memory" with --lower memory--.

Appropriate correction is required.

3. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

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Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-7 would be allowable upon the correction of the objections to claims 1-3, and 5.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The best prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to specifically teach or fairly suggest the stacked small memory card to be set in an electric device, disclosed in the current invention. Although prior art has teachings of stacked small memory cards, the prior art taken of record fails to teach each of the specific and detailed limitations of the claimed stacked card. These features include the stacked small memory card comprising an upper and lower memory card. Both upper and lower memory cards include a substrate, at least one memory chip, a heat sink, and a glue layer. The respective substrates are formed with an upper and lower surface. For the upper memory card, the upper surface of the substrate is formed with a plurality of connected points and golden fingers. For the lower memory card the connected points and golden fingers are formed on the lower surface of the substrate. The golden fingers of both the upper and lower memory cards are electrically connected to the plurality of connected points and a plurality of through holes, which are filled with metal. The through holes penetrate the upper surface to the lower surface. The both the upper and lower memory cards include at least one memory chip. In the case of the upper memory card, the chip is mounted on the upper surface of the substrate. The chip is mounted on the lower surface of the substrate in the lower memory card. The memory chip in both the upper and lower memory cards is connected to the connecting points of the substrate. The

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upper memory card's heat sink is mounted on the lower surface of the substrate and is contacted with metal, which is filled within the through holes. The heat sink is mounted on the upper surface in the lower memory card. Each card includes a glue layer coating the memory chip, which is used to arrange in an electric device, so that, the golden fingers of the substrate may be electrically connected to the electric device. The first sink of the upper memory card is mounted on the heat sink of the lower memory card.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Verma et al (20040169285), Ohta et al (2004/0159709), Kim et al (2003/0157748), Kellar et al (2004/0142540), and Nishimura (2004/0152276).

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to *Allyson N. Trail* whose telephone number is (571) 272-2406. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 7:30AM to 4:00PM Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee, can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

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